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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, APRIL 21
REFERENCE: VIENNA 3307

1. AS OF APRIL 14, EURATOM-IAEA NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING IN VIENNA ON FACILITY ATTACHMENT (FA) FOR WAK REPROCESSING PLANT IN FRG, WITH FRG REPS ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND TAKING LEAD IN CHALLENGING IAEA RIGHT OF ACCESS TO CERTAIN OPERATING DATA AND PARTS OF PLANT. AS OF EVENING APRIL 13, SOME BASIS FOR ACCOMMODATION APPEARED TO BE EVOLVING, WITH EXPECTATION BY IAEA PARTICIPANTS THAT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY FORMULATIONS WOULD BE DRAFTED APRIL 14. IF SUCH IS CASE, DIRGEN WOULD BE IN POSITION TO REPORT TO APRIL 21 BOARD THAT AGREEMENT (AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE) HAD BEEN REACHED ON ALL ASPECTS OF EA FOR WAK.
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2. IN ADDITION, DIRGEN SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO REPORT THAT EURATOM'S INTERNAL PROCEDURES (REFERRED TO IN PARA. 5 OF GOV/1884, TRANSMITTED REFTEL) HAD BEEN COMPLETED ON MOST (BUT NOT ALL) OF FA'S NOTED IN PARA. 4 OF GOV/1884 FOR 21 LIGHT WATER REACTORS (LWR'S), 36 RESEARCH REACTORS AND 76 "LOCATIONS OUTSIDE FACILITIES." SOME FACILITY

OPERATORS REPORTEDLY HAVE REFUSED GIVE OK TO EURATOM ON BASIS THEIR EXCLUSION FROM NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAEA. NEVERTHELESS, EURATOM SHOULD BE ABLE TO "PROPOSE" FORMALLY TO IAEA, SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF FA'S AMONG THE TOTAL OF 129 REFERRED TO IN PARA. 4(A), (B) AND (C) OF GOV/1884.

3. IF DIRGEN'S REPORT AND BOARD'S DISCUSSION WERE LIMITED TO REPORT OF PROGRESS PROJECTED IN FOREGOING PARAS., US GOVERNOR NEED ONLY WELCOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BOTH SIDES, EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH EVIDENCE OF COOPERATION AND URGE THAT SAME SPIRIT BE APPLIED TOWARD EARLY COMPLETION OF FA'S FOR REMAINING FACILITIES.

4. IF, ON OTHER HAND, LACK OF AGREEMENT IS REPORTED BY DIRGEN ON RESOLUTION OF ISSUES REMAINING ON FA FOR WAK, WE FEEL US GOVERNOR SHOULD EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN AND EARNEST HOPE THAT FULLEST POSSIBLE EFFORT BY BOTH SIDES BE MADE TO REACH EARLY AGREEMENT.

5. EVEN IF PROGRESS PROJECTED IN PARAS. 1 AND 2 ABOVE IS REPORTED, THERE IS REAL POSSIBILITY THAT DIRGEN (OR SOME GOVERNORS) WILL RAISE QUESTION OF BASIC ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN PARA. 7 OF GOV/1884, WHICH RELATE TO BULK FACILITIES GENERALLY, FOR WHICH (WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF WAK, WHICH IS SPECIAL CASE IN SOME RESPECTS) FA'S HAVE YET TO BE AGREEDD IN THAT EVENT, US GOVERNOR WILL BE UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE, IN MISSION'S VIEW, TO STATE USG POSITION ON THOSE SPECIFIC
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ISSUES. FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD BE TAKEN AS SIGN OF LACK OF USG SUPPORT FOR EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

6. IF IT APPEARS ON BASIS OF OUR OBSERVATIONS DURING NEXT FEW DAYS THAT THESE ISSUES ARE LIKELY TO BE RAISED AT APRIL 21 MEETING, MISSION WILL REPORT DETAILS, PROVIDE TECOMMENDATIONS AND SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. PRESENT ASSESSMENT OF STATUS OF ISSUES IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. KIRK

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